

stifle

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1. ['staɪf(ə)] *n редк.*

- 1) удушение
- 2) удушье

2. ['staɪf(ə)] *v*

1. 1) душить

to be stifled by smoke - задышаться от дыма
 to stifle by gas - отравить газом
 to feel stifled - страдать от удушья
 his voice was stifled by emotion - он говорил сдавленным от волнения голосом

2) задышаться

to stifle from want of air [in the heat] - задышаться от недостатка воздуха [от жары]

2. подавлять

to stifle a cry [a desire] - подавить крик [желание]
 to stifle a revolt - подавить восстание
 to stifle a yawn [one's tears] - сдерживать зевок [слёзы]
 to stifle one's laughter - давиться от смеха
 circumstance stifled his ambition - обстоятельства заставили его забыть о своём честолюбии

3. заглушать

to stifle a noise - заглушить звук /шум/

4. тушить (*огонь*)

5. замять; утаить

to stifle a fact [a scandal] - замять факт [скандал]
 to stifle a document - утаить документ

II

['staɪf(ə)] *n анат.*

- 1) коленная чашка (*на задней ноге животного*)
- 2) коленный сустав (*у животного*)

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stifle [stifle stifles stifled stifling] *BrE* ['staɪfl] ^m *NAmE* ['staɪfl] ^m *verb*

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to prevent sth from happening; to prevent a feeling from being expressed

Syn: ↑suppress

- She managed to stifle a yawn.
- They hope the new rules will not stifle creativity.
- The government failed to stifle the unrest.

2. **intransitive, transitive** to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and/or there is no fresh air

Syn: ↑suffocate

- I felt I was stifling in the airless room.
- ~ **sb** Most of the victims were stifled by the fumes.

Derived Words ↑stifling ▪ ↑stiflingly

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	stifle
	BrE / 'staɪfl/
	NAmE / 'staɪfl/
he / she / it	stifles
	BrE / 'staɪflz/
	NAmE / 'staɪflz/
past simple, past participle	stifled
	BrE / 'staɪflɪd/
	NAmE / 'staɪflɪd/
-ing form	stifling
	BrE / 'staɪflɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'staɪflɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: perhaps from a frequentative of Old French *estouffer* 'smother, stifle'.

Example Bank:

- 'It's stifling in here— can we open a window?'
- The heat in the crowded streets was stifling.

Example Bank:

- She pressed her hand against her mouth to stifle her sobs.
- Stifling her impatience, she waited another half an hour.

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stifle /'staɪfəl/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *verb*

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Origin:** Probably from Old French estouffer 'to stifle']

1. **[transitive]** to stop something from happening or developing **OPP encourage** :

rules and regulations that stifle innovation

How can this party stifle debate on such a crucial issue?

2. **[transitive]** to stop a feeling from being expressed:

He stified an urge to hit her.

stifle a yawn/smile/grin etc

I tried to stifle my laughter.

3. **[intransitive, transitive usually passive]** if you are stifled by something, it stops you breathing comfortably ⇒ **suffocate**:

He was almost stifled by the fumes.

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